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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, THIRD PREPCOM: END OF  
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: USUN 2731

1. A CONSENSUS IS EMERGING AMONG THE SPECIAL SESSION OF DIS-  
ARMAMENT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE (SSOD PREPCOM) MEMBERS ON A  
NUMBER OF PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES OUTLINED IN REF-  
TEL. DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THESE MATTERS IN THE FORMAL  
SESSION AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 9, AND TRANSMITTED AS RECOMMEN-  
DATIONS IN THE PREPCOM REPORT TO THE 32ND UNGA.

2. LOCATION: PREPCOM MEMBERS CLEARLY FAVOR HOLDING THE  
SSOD PLENARY MEETINGS IN THE GA HALL IN MAY/JUNE 1978. THEY  
WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE UN CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE APPROVED BY  
THE 31ST UNGA BE REVISED SO THAT WORK ON THE HALL WOULD BE  
POSTPONED UNTIL 1979. USE OF THE GA HALL FOR THE SPECIAL  
SESSION IS EXPECTED TO AFFECT LOCATIONS AND/OR SCHEDULING OF  
OTHER MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE UN COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE LAW, THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS,  
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THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE AND THE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND.

3. DATES AND DURATION: PREPCOM PROBABLY WILL RECOMMEND  
THAT SPECIAL SESSION BEGIN ON MAY 23. MOST DELEGATES FAVOR

FOUR-WEEK SESSION WITH POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION TO FIVE

WEEKS. EASTERN EUROPEANS HAVE PROPOSED MAY 23-JUNE 23.  
MEXICO IS ALONE IN CALLING FOR SIX-WEEK SESSION.

4. RULES OF PROCEDURE: THE CHAIRMAN HAS PROPOSED THAT THE SAME RULES OF PROCEDURE APPLY TO THE SPECIAL SESSION AS TO THE PROPCOM. THIS MEANS THAT THE GA'S RULES OF PROCEDURE WOULD APPLY, BUT THAT MAXIMUM EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BY CONSENSUS.

5. COMMITTEES: PREPCOM MEMBERS PROBABLY WILL RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURE: A) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: SAME AS THAT FOR 32ND UNGA; B) GENERAL COMMITTEE: THE PRESIDENT, 17 VICE-PRESIDENTS AND THE SEVEN CHAIRMEN OF THE 32ND UNGA'S MAIN COMMITTEES WOULD SERVE IN THE SAME CAPACITY IN THE SPECIAL SESSION; REGIONAL GROUPS COULD SUBMIT ALTERNATE NOMINATIONS FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENTS FROM WITHIN THEIR OWN GROUPS; REGIONAL GROUPS ALSO COULD NOMINATE ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE IF THE CHAIRMAN OF A MAIN COMMITTEE FROM THEIR GROUP IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL SESSION; THE PREPCOM CHAIRMAN AND THE CHAIRMAN OR CHAIRMEN OF AD HOC COMMITTEE(S) ALSO WOULD SERVE ON THE GENERAL COMMITTEE; C) A SINGLE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD NEGOTIATE THE SSOD DOCUMENTS) WITH AS MANY SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEES AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION: THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION  
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HAS OUTLINED AN INFORMATION PROPOSAL, INCLUDING BROCHURES, POSTERS, FILMS, ETC., WHICH WOULD REQUIRE \$65,000 BEYOND ESTABLISHED OPI BUDGET. THERE IS NO CONSENSUS ON THE OPI PROPOSAL, AND FURTHER DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED.

7. FUTURE PREPCOMS: THE NON-ALIGNED HAVE DROPPED THEIR DEMAND FOR A SINGLE SEVEN-WEEK PREPCOM NEXT YEAR. THEIR LATEST PROPOSAL IS FOR TWO PREPCOMS BETWEEN JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 24, AND APRIL 10 - 21, 1978. WESTERN AND EASTERN GROUPS APPEAR TO SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL.  
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